

# Riviera, Nationals in Key Games

## LaRoche's 4-4 Ruins Tordondo

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South Redondo eliminated Tordondo's Little League all-stars from the District 26 sudden death playoffs for the second straight year Monday, 5-4, and added insult to injury by doing it mostly due to the efforts of a "borrowed" first baseman from Torrance.

The "borrowed" all-star is Dave LaRoche, who almost singlehandedly whipped his neighborhood buddies by going 4-4, with a home run and three RBIs and scored twice himself, including the game clincher in the 7th inning of the wild and woolly contest.

LaRoche, a 12-year-old lefty, also made two base-hit robbing catches in leading his mates to the extra-inning victory over what was called Tordondo's best all-star aggregation in the four-year history of the league.

DAVE WAS allowed to continue playing ball in the Redondo league even after moving with his family to their home on Anza Ave. in Torrance two years ago, because of a technicality in the Little League rules.

And you can bet that the Tordondo people today are in favor of revising that particular rule!

The Torrance nine went ahead on Tim Speak's two-run homer in the 3rd, 3-1, only to see LaRoche come back in the 4th to put South Redondo — twice defending District 26 champions — ahead 4-3 on a line-shot over the rightfield fence with two outs.

The score stood that way until the 6th—when with the chips down and two outs — Danny Chandler hammered an Irl Davis change-up over the scoreboard in centerfield to knot the count at 4-4, and send the thriller into overtime.

BUT THEN LaRoche appeared again and ruined things by singling up the middle with one out in the 7th, and after stealing second base, scampered all the way home on a wild throw to right field after a perfect sacrifice bunt up the first base line.

The win gave South Redondo its third tournament victory and the Area 3 championship. The beach city all-stars will meet the winner of Thursday's Riviera-Rolling Hills game for the District 26 championship on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Tordondo Field.

**BOX SCORE**

Tordondo (4)	ab	r	h	rbt
J. Cowan, rf	2	0	0	0
B. Cowan, rf	2	0	0	0
Loyd, 2b	3	1	1	1
Spaska, 3b	3	0	0	0
Andrio, cf	3	0	0	0
Chandler, lf, p	1	1	1	1
Stonely, 1b	3	0	0	0
Norman, ss	3	0	0	0
King, c	3	0	0	0
Cowden, p	1	0	0	0
Eckberg, lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	26	4	4	4
South Redondo (5)	ab	r	h	rbt
LaRoche, 1b	4	2	4	3
Gray, 3b	3	0	0	0
Thomas, c	3	0	0	0
Olyde, rf	3	0	0	0
King, cf	3	0	0	0
Alwater, lf	3	0	0	0
Davis, p	3	0	0	0
Woodfin, ss	3	1	0	0
Tingley, 2b	3	1	0	0
Totals	30	5	9	3
Torrance	003 001-4	9	1	
So. Redondo	011 200 1-5-9-0			

**SUMMARY**—Home runs—Thomas, LaRoche, Chandler, Spaska, SO—Davis 1b, Cowden 4, Chandler 4, BB—Davis 2, Cowden 2, LOB—South Redondo 5, Tordondo 2, WP—Davis, LP—Chandler.

## Connely Sparkles for Rams as Waterfield Shifts New Personnel

REDLANDS, July 9—Some 19 Ram rookies have been at training camp here for less than a week, but already one thing is certain.

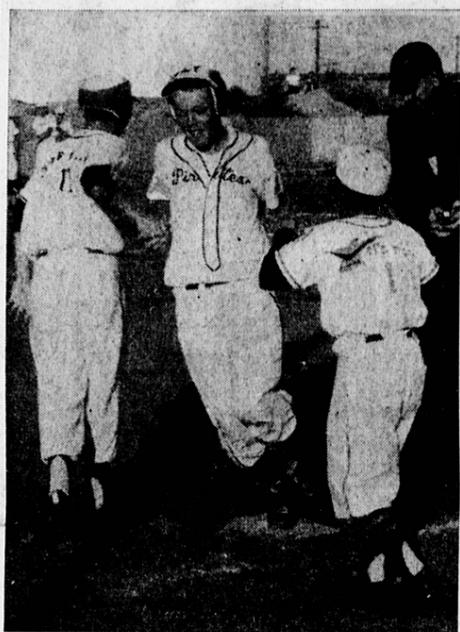
Top man in the group is Mike Connely, a 6-3, 251 pound center from Utah State. Connely was a center, that is, until Coach Bob Waterfield watched him perform during the first four days of training. At that point, he promptly moved him to an offensive guard position, said that would be where Mike would remain for the rest of the season.

"I like the way this kid moves," Waterfield enthused. "He has tremendous pop in his blocking and he's the fastest lineman in the rookie group. We are counting on Art Hunter to be our regular center. "Connely wouldn't have much chance there, but the loss of Duane Putnam to the Dallas Cowboys leaves our left guard spot wide open and he might as well get in the fight. He came here to play and his competitors will find that out



TWISTER . . . Ray Woodfin, South Redondo all-star, gallops toward first base after hitting twisting ground ball partway down foul line in second inning of Monday's 5-4 win over Tordondo. Woodfin was credited with base hit. Catcher Dickey King stoops to pick up ball while Pitcher Ray Cowden and firstbaseman Fred Moseley watch. (Herald Photo)

## West Torrance, Compton Semi-Finals of Area 5 Pony League Tourney at Ryan Field



DENTS PLATE . . . Bryan Orm is congratulated by West Torrance Pony League all-star teammates after crashing two-run homer in third inning of playoff game Monday to spark team to 6-3 victory over rival North Torrance at Ryan Field. Orm's team meets Compton on Friday. (Herald Photo)

## Holmes Hurls No-Hitter, Goes 3-5 in 20-0 Rout

Big Brad Holmes pitched the first no-hitter of his Little League career and topped it off with a home run and two singles Friday night as the Torrance American Little League's all-stars humiliated Lomita, 20-0 at Kissel Field to advance to the finals of the District 27 playoffs.

Holmes fired six hitless innings of baseball while his American all-star teammates were busy slugging 17 base hits, including four home runs, off a quartet of Lomita serve-uppers.

Brad — a second year all-star — struck out 12, but walked seven. The American all-stars pulled off one double play as Lomita left six base runners stranded. In going 3-5 along with Dennis Welch and Jim Foster, Holmes boosted his two-game tournament batting average to a robust .667 (6-9) and leads his team in total hits.



**Boxscore**

Lomita (0)	ab	r	h	rbt
DiMassa, 1b, 3b, p, rf	3	0	0	0
Witty, ss	2	0	0	0
Donigan, 2b	2	0	0	0
Peace, c	2	0	0	0
Means, lf	2	0	0	0
Riggs, lf	0	0	0	0
Shelby, lf	1	0	0	0
Giacomini, p	1	0	0	0
BJunch, lf, c	2	0	0	0
MacArthur, cf	0	0	0	0
Coggins, 3b, p	1	0	0	0
Hines, rf	0	0	0	0
Hyde, rf, p	1	0	0	0
Totals	16	0	0	0
American (20)	ab	r	h	rbt
White, cf, 1b	4	4	3	3
Welsh, ss	4	3	3	3
Holmes, p	5	0	0	0
Foster, c	3	3	3	3
Reis, 1b	3	2	2	2
Lewis, lf	1	1	1	1
Sorenson, rf, cf	2	2	2	2
DiCenzo, 3b	1	0	0	0
Schnepf, 3b	1	1	1	1
Mahon, 2b	2	2	2	2
Campbell, 2b	1	0	0	0
Huntton, lf	2	0	0	0
BJales, rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	20	17	15
Lomita	000 000-0	0	0	0
American	004 70-20 17-0			

**SUMMARY**—HR—White, Welch, Holmes, Reis, DP—Campbell to White, WF—Holmes, LP—Giacomini, LOB—American 7, Lomita 8, SO—Holmes 12, Coggins 1, Putnam 2.

## Homers by Orm, Fink Spark Win

Bob Hadfield and Ray Parker combined forces to pitch Compton to its second shutout of the Area 5 Pony League tournament Tuesday, 7-0 over San Pedro at Ryan Field, Torrance.

Hadfield also hit the only home run of the game, in the 7th as Compton advanced to the semi-finals of the double-elimination tourney.

WEST TORRANCE, which nipped North Torrance, 6-3 on Monday on the strength of homers by Bryan Orm and Jerry Fink, will lock horns with Compton tomorrow afternoon at 5:30.

Compton's first shutout win came over Central Torrance, 17-0 in the tourney opener.

SAN PEDRO had defeated Gardena, 6-5 on opening day. Finals of the eight-day playoffs will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Ryan Field, 247th and Crenshaw.

**Compton, 7-0**

Compton	010 500 1-7 7 1
San Pedro	000 000 0-0 2 5

Hadfield, Parker (6), and Felton; Quinn, Sandoval (4) and Rodich, Moller (5).

**West Torrance, 6-3**

V. Torrance (3)	ab	r	h	e
Moore, 2b, p	4	1	0	0
Jackson, 1b	2	0	0	0
Therney, ss	3	0	0	0
Bauer, rf	0	0	0	0
Grateke, 3b	2	0	0	0
Rance, c	1	2	0	0
Hiner, lf	2	0	0	0
Giacomini, cf	2	0	0	0
Dominguez, cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	3	4	0

W. Torrance (6)

McKay, cf	3	2	3	3
Lockhart, 3b	3	1	2	0
Gebel, ss	3	1	2	0
Orm, c	4	0	0	1
Adams, 3b	0	0	0	0
Faller, lf	0	0	0	0
Myers, 2b	3	0	1	1
McCaun, 1b	3	0	1	1
Barry, p	1	0	0	0
Baxter, p	2	0	0	0
Totals	25	6	8	3

N. Torrance (0)

W. Torrance	004 020 0-8 3 0
N. Torrance	002 100 0-3 4 0

**SUMMARY**—Home Runs—Orm, Fink, Jackson, 3B—McKay, 2B—Gebel, SO—Barry 5, Baxter 10, Jackson 5, Moore 3, BB—Barry 3, Baxter 2, Jackson 2, More 1, WF—Barry, LP—Jackson.

## Babe Zaharias' 4-Iron To Be Enshrined at Toluca Lake Tuesday

The memory of the immortal Babe Didrikson Zaharias will be revived Tuesday night at a ceremony attended by George Zaharias, husband of the late greatest woman athlete of all time, and a long list of sports notables and writers. The most treasured golf club of the Babe's, the magical 4-iron she rode to victory in the U.S. Woman's National Open at Peabody, Mass. in 1954 (year of her death) will be perpetually enshrined within an hermetically sealed glass vault in the Gallery of Stars outside the Kinks Arms in Toluca Lake.

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## Riviera Duels Rolling Hills In District 26

Riviera's steamrolling Little League all-stars will duel Rolling Hills today at 5 p.m. at the Tordondo Field in the semi-final round of the District 26 playoffs.

The winner of today's "sudden death" tourney game will meet South Redondo on Saturday at 1 p.m. for the District title at Tordondo Field. Riviera, which has eliminated Malaga Cove and Sunset from the playoffs with 5-4 and 8-0 wins, will go with either red-headed Brian Grady—hero of the 5-4 Malaga Cove triumph—or Bruce Lotz on the mound.

ROLLING HILLS will counter with Joe Ferguson, who twirled a tourney opening one-hit 10-1 victory against North Redondo. Rolling Hills dumped Palos Verdes 5-0 in seven innings in its last outing—on the strength of two overtime homers. The Rolling Hills nine has clubbed five homers in its two games, while Riviera has poled four over the fences — two each by Grady and Ed Holmes.

BIG GARY Ryerson has two for Rolling Hills. Riviera — behind Holmes' two homers and his dandy one-hit pitching, qualified for today's meeting by knocking off Sunset last Saturday.

**Saturday's boxscore:**

Riviera (8)	ab	r	h	rbt
Bruce Lotz, 2b	3	1	0	0
Gary Mull, 2b	0	0	0	0
Bob Hazelton, cf	3	0	0	0
Don Greene	1	0	0	0
Jim McLinn, cf	0	0	0	0
Steve Parker, c	4	4	4	4
Brian Grady, 3b	4	0	1	0
Kas Steiner, ss	3	0	0	0
Ed Holmes, 1b	3	2	2	2
Jim Brown, rf	0	0	0	0
Pat Adkins, rf	2	0	0	0
Greg Lutenmeyer, lf	2	0	0	0
Ron Hill, lf	1	0	0	0
Richard Paulin, 1b	2	0	0	0
Totals	30	8	11	6
Sunset (0)	ab	r	h	rbt
Martin, 2b	0	0	0	0
Bell, 2b	0	0	0	0
Fisher, ss	0	0	0	0
Kramer, ss	0	0	0	0
Dragich, 3b	0	0	0	0
Lockhart, cf	0	0	0	0
Hoffman, rf	1	0	0	0
Richards, lf	1	0	0	0
Wood, c	0	0	0	0
Krechmark, lf	0	0	0	0
Dool, 1b, p	2	0	0	0
Wood, c	0	0	0	0
Andrews, p	0	0	0	0
Simmons, 1b	2	0	0	0
Totals	19	0	0	0

a—Greene safe on error for Hazelton in 6th.

Riviera . . . 122 111 — 8 11 0  
Sunset . . . 003 000 — 0 1 6 6  
**SUMMARY**—Home Runs—Holmes 2, Brown, Parker, SO—Holmes 7, Andrews 1, Dool 3, BB—Holmes 4, Dool 2, LOB—Riviera 7, Sunset 5.

## Gonta, 13 Other Shrine Hi Gridders USC Bound in Fall

Apparently the recent appointment of John McKay as the new USC head football coach met with enthusiastic endorsement of many of California's top graduating football seniors.

At least such might be deduced from the 14 North and South team players in the Shrine North-South Football Classic, Aug. 5, at the Coliseum, who have disclosed their intention to become Trojans.

Five South gridders, including Torrance's Stan Gonta, hope to enter USC immediately and three more plan to qualify through junior college. From the North, three direct and three via jaycees swells the total well beyond the nine for runner-up Oregon State and seven for UCLA.

But UCLA plucks only one direct — North tackle Kent Francisco — and four South and two North through junior college.

Ten players from both North and South have decided on a definite four-year school to attend, while three more North and five South hope to enter a four-year university in the fall, but are still undecided.

The "record" for most players from a Shrine Classic going to one university is 12, to Stanford, in 1956.

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## Torrance Drops Twin Bill to Bell Gardens

Torrance's Post 170 junior baseball club had Bell Gardens on the ropes and reeling but couldn't put the KO punch across, losing both ends of a Sunday doubleheader to be eliminated from the American Legion playoffs at Blair Field in Long Beach.

Torrance — Bay League champs — had taken a one-game edge in the best of three playoff with a 3-1 victory on Saturday as dependable Tommy Richardson twirled a 4-hit victory.

THE WIN gave the 17-year-old southpaw an 8-0 season record, but he needed Jim Armstrong's towering home run over the leftfield fence in the 6th inning to break a 1-1 tie to win it. Armstrong, a heavy hitting first baseman, scored behind Rick Jacobs, who had led off the inning with a double. Jim Carrico scored the first run of the game for Torrance on a wild pitch from third

## Post 170 Legion Teams Enter Anaheim Meet

Ozzie Grimes and Joe Clements, managers of the Torrance and South Torrance Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post 170 baseball clubs have announced that their respective teams will be entered in the coming 15th annual Anaheim American Legion tournament. The tourney is set to start with a doubleheader at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Aug. 5 at La Palma Park Stadium.

## Nationals Tackle North Torrance Today at Kissel

The Torrance Nationals and North Torrance East Little League all-stars collide today at Kissel Field in the semi-final round of District 27's single elimination playoffs at 5:30.

The Nationals are fresh from a 5-1 victory over defending District 27 champion Harbor City while the North Torrance nine has whipped Pacific Coast Little League 5-4 and North Torrance West, 7-6.

Winner will meet the Torrance American Little League for the title on Saturday at 1 p.m.

**Monday's National League boxscore:**

Harbor City (1)	ab	r	h	e
Gibbs, cf	2	0	0	2
Price, c	1	0	0	0
Giffin, ss	3	0	1	0
Montgomery, lf	0	0	0	0
Schellbaum, 1b	3	0	0	0
Dean, 1b	3	0	0	0
Fallon, 2b	1	0	0	0
Thomas, rf	1	0	0	0
Kopchick, c	2	0	1	0
Alexander, 2b	1	0	0	0
Williams, 3b	1	0	0	1
Dalton, lf	1	0	0	1
Totals	21	1	3	5
Torrance Nationals (5)	ab	r	h	e
Hartley, ss	2	1	3	0
Snyder, cf	2	2	2	0
Maynard, p	1	1	0	0
Horton, 2b	2	0	1	0
Malone, 3b, c	1	0	0	0
Fallon, 1b	3	0	1	0
Kille, c	1	0	0	0
St-Casson	1	0	0	0
Thompson, lf	1	0	0	0
Moton, lf	2	2	2	0
Whelan, 3b	1	0	0	0
Chaykovskiy, lf	1	0	0	0
Lorenzen, rf	2	0	0	0
Internill, 1b	2	1	0	0
Totals	20	5	6	0

Casson batted for Kille in 6th.

Milburn City . . . 000 100 1-3 5  
Torrance Nationals 201 11x 5-6  
**SUMMARY**—Home run, Schellbaum, SS—Milburn 3; Maynard 12, BF—Milburn 5; Maynard 1, HBP—Montgomery (by Thomas).

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